GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
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FILING OF I.T. RETURNS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether PAN number has been allotted to all persons who had applied for it;

(b) if not, the time by which this allotment will be done;

(c) the option left with persons filing income tax returns for the first time in banks when asked for PAN;

(d) the manner in which tax will be deposited by persons who are already tax payees but who haven`t been provided with PAN;

(e) whether many discrepancies have been noted in the prevailing system such as even name and photograph given in the cards does not match each other; and

(f) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve the system and expedite the process of issuing the PAN ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): A total of 2.71 crore PAN applications have been received till 31.10.2002 out of which 9.04 lakh applications had core deficiencies. PAN has been allotted in 2.53 crore cases till 31.10.2002.

(b): Allotment of PAN is an ongoing process. Instructions have been issued to field officers for allotment of PAN in all valid PAN applications within 10 working days.

(c): There is no requirement for filing income tax return in banks. New taxpayers can file their returns of income along with application in form 49A before their respective Assessing Officers.

(d): In cases where PAN has been applied for but not allotted the tax payer can make a statement to this effect before the bank for payment of taxes.

(e): Such discrepancies have been pointed out by some allottees in the PAN Cards. Necessary steps have been taken up for corrections in such PAN Cards.

(f): The mismatch between the names and photographs pointed out in some cases was mainly due to not carrying out the step of PAN preview before printing of PAN Cards. Instructions have since been issued for carrying out PAN preview before printing of PAN Cards.